

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

In the Matter of the  
Physical Therapy License of  
Kristen A. Fuglestad, P.T.  
Date of Birth: 5/8/1963  
License Number: 4293

**ORDER FOR  
STATUTORY SUSPENSION**

**FACTS**

1. The Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 148.65 through 148.78 (2000) to license, regulate, and discipline persons who apply for, petition, or hold licenses to practice physical therapy in the State of Minnesota and is further authorized pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 214.10 (2000) to review complaints against physical therapists, to refer such complaints to the Attorney General's Office, and to initiate appropriate disciplinary action.

2. Kristen A. Fuglestad ("Respondent"), has been in possession of a license to practice physical therapy in Minnesota since July 9, 1988, although her license is currently inactive because of her failure to renew it for the year 2002.

3. By operation of Minn. Stat. § 148.75(b), any license to practice physical therapy in the State of Minnesota "is suspended if . . . (2) the physical therapist is committed by order of a court pursuant to chapter 253B. The license remains suspended until the physical therapist is restored to capacity by a court and, upon petition by the physical therapist, the suspension is terminated by the board of physical therapy after a hearing."

4. Following a civil commitment hearing in Hennepin County District Court on March 8, 2002, Respondent was determined to be mentally ill and was committed to the head of the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center and to the head of the Hennepin County Medical

Center, as evidenced by the attached Order for Commitment as Mentally Ill filed on March 15, 2002. *(Note: Order for Commitment is attached to the copy of this Order in Board office)*

5. The suspension of a license for mental commitment of the licensee is an automatic Board action by virtue of Minn. Stat. § 148.75(b). The Board's Executive Director is a person employed by the Board "to carry out its work," pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 148.691, subd. 2.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the above recitals, the following Order is issued:

### **ORDER**

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in the State of Minnesota is statutorily **SUSPENDED** pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 148.75(b) (2000). During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not in any manner practice physical therapy in this state.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's license shall remain suspended until such time as Respondent is restored to capacity by a court and, upon petition by Respondent, the suspension is terminated by the Board after a hearing.

Dated: \_\_\_\_3/28\_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF  
PHYSICAL THERAPY

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STEPHANIE LUNNING  
Executive Director

## **RATIFICATION BY THE BOARD**

1. On May \_\_16\_\_, 2002, the above-entitled matter came on for consideration and ratification by the Board.

2. Upon a roll call vote, the Board hereby ratifies the above Order this \_\_16\_\_ day of \_\_May\_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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